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RAJYASABHA

**Illegal trade of animals and birds**

\*56. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of animals and birds are illegally being transported by trains to various destinations in the country;

(b) if so, how many such cases had been brought to book during the last one year; and

(c) the strict action Government had taken or propose to take against this illegal trade?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) There are no reports of illegal transportation of animals and birds by train for the last two years.

(c) Necessary instructions have been given to all concerned, including the Railway Board, regarding the strict enforcement of Transport of Animals (Amendment) Rules, 2001.

**Dengue prevention measures in the country**

\*57. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government could not foresee and prevent dengue menace in the country;

(b) the number of persons affected positively and those died in different States of dengue by now due to inadequate arrangements in Government hospitals; and

(c) the steps being taken to prevent recurrence of dengue in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) Dengue is an endemic and acute epidemic prone disease which occurs every year with upsurge in the number of cases during monsoon and post monsoon months. Dengue occurs because of many factors such as increased population growth and unplanned urbanization, inadequate waste management, deficient water supply